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SUBJECT: GOB DECISION ON OFFSHORE OIL RIG

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1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH DEP. CHAVMAN OF COMMITTEE ON GEOLOGY GEORGI DIMOV, DIMOV CONFIRMED THAT DECISION TO PURCHASE OFFSHORE OIL RIG HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. HE STATED THAT PLANS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BOTH TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND TO THE STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR A FINAL DECISION, BUT HAD NO IDEA WHEN THAT DECISION MIGHT BE TAKEN.

2. DIMOV, IN CONTRAST TO EARLIER DISCUSSIONS, SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT PURCHASE OF RIG IS NOT PRESSINGLY URGENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT RIG IS EXPENSIVE ITEM AND THAT THE GOVEGN-
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MENT WANTS ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES THAT EXPLOITABLE OIL OR GAS DEPOSITS WILL BE FOUND BEFORE COMMITTING FUMDS. IN OTHER WORDS, MORE EXPLORATORY WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE. HE THENHMENTIONED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS IN PROCESS OF HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH PETTY-RAY GEOPHYSICAL DIVISION, GEOSOURCE, INC. REGARDING UPGRADING OF COMMITTEE'S INSTITUTE FOR GEOPHYSICAL DATA PROCESSING.

3. NEVERTHELESY, DIMOV VONTIMUED O BE OPTIMISTIC THAT PURCHASE OF RIG IS WARRANTED. HE SAID THAT EARLIER DISCUSSIONS ON COOPERATING WITH EXXON WERE UNFRUITFUL, AND THAT LEASING RIG IS NOT REGARDED AS COSTWORTHY SINCE SEVERAL HOLES WILL BE DRILLED AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH LEASING ARE HIGH ENOUGH TO MAKE OUTRIGHT PURCHASE MORE ATTRACTIVE. AT THIS POINT, HE SAID, LIVINGSTON HAS THE LEAD OVER OFFSHORE BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL CONSIDERATION. GARTHOFF

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